

city of san josé

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SAN JOSE AT A GLANCE

The City of San José has a rich history, one that has been marked over the years by the extent of change that has accentuated its landscapes — both physical and figurative.

Once a largely agrarian community, San José was a city of bucolic hillsides and an expansive valley dotted with orchards of apricots, walnuts, cherries and plums. In those days, San José was known as the "Prune Capital of the World."

Decades later, the city successfully carved out a niche as the Capital of Silicon Valley, and is known around the globe as a high-tech center.



DISTINCTIONS

- 10th Largest City in the U.S.
- #1 Recycler among nation's largest cities
- Safest big City in America
- Highest credit rating of any large City in California
- #1 median household income in the United States
- First major new City Hall of the 21st Century
- Largest concentration of technology expertise in the world



about us



SAN JOSE STATISTICS

Founded: 1777

San José was California's first civilian settlement.

Incorporated: March 27, 1850

San José was California's first incorporated city and site of the first state capital.

Incorporated Area: 177.7 square miles

County: Santa Clara

Population: 945,000*

San José is the third largest city in California, following Los Angeles and San Diego. It is the 10th largest city in the U.S.

*2005 California Department of Finance

Technology Expertise:

The San José area is home to the largest concentration of technology expertise in the world--more than 6,600 technology companies employing more than 254,000 people.

Climate:

Temperatures vary from an average of 50° in January to an average of 70° in July. San José boasts an average of more than 300 sunny days per year, and has a mean annual rainfall of 14.4 inches.

Elevation:

The highest elevation is 4,372 feet at Copernicus Peak on Mt. Hamilton (near Lick Observatory) in the Diablo Range; the lowest elevation is sea level.

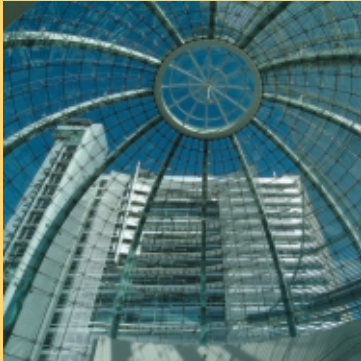
SAN JOSE BY THE NUMBERS

Cultural Events (Approx.)	450
Arts Groups (Approx.)	125
Regional Parks	9
Neighborhood Parks	152
Parks Acres.....	3,642
Libraries	18
Community Centers	26
Senior Centers	11
Youth Centers	11
Fire Stations	31
Sworn Fire Personnel	716
Sworn Police Personnel	1,343
Total Employees	6,672
Miles of City Streets	2,300
Airport Area Acres	1,050



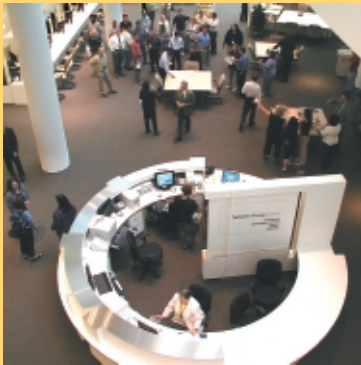
growing

RECENT NOTABLE PROJECTS



San José City Hall

The new San José City Hall, opened in October 2005, is a landmark facility created to improve the delivery of high-quality services to the public and be an asset to the downtown, the surrounding neighborhood and the larger community. The facility unites services that were formerly located in eleven locations throughout the City, including the old City Hall. The City Hall Customer Service Center provides many city services at one public counter, allowing customers to access the most frequently used services in one location. Envisioned as a hub of civic and cultural activity, many City Hall spaces, such as the state-of-the-art City Council Chambers, the glass-enclosed rotunda, and the outdoor civic plaza, are available for public use.



King Library

The largest library built west of the Mississippi, the King Library is the first library in the United States to integrate the services and collections of a major university and city and make them available to the entire community. The award-winning library was built as a joint venture between the City of San José and San Jose State University. Located on the corner of 4th Street and San Fernando in downtown San José, the Library is at the edge of the SJSU campus, adjacent to the new San José City Hall. With the capacity for a two million piece collection, the library is 475,000 square feet spread over eight floors, plus a mezzanine and lower level.



well-connected

A WELL-CONNECTED COMMUNITY

As the hub of Silicon Valley, San José has become a popular destination for tourists and business travelers alike. Events held at the 425,000-square-foot San José McEnery Convention Center draw people from throughout the world. Visitors find many amenities in the City's revitalized downtown area including fine accommodations, world-class restaurants and shops.

Arts & Cultural Venues

- Anno Domini Gallery
- Bay Area Glass Institute
- California Theatre
- Children's Discovery Museum
- City Lights Theatre
- d.p. Fong Gallery
- San Jose State University Events Center
- Historic Hoover Theater
- History San José Park (S.J. Historical Museum)
- Improv Comedy Club
- MACLA (Contemporary Latino Arts)
- Mexican Heritage Plaza
- Montgomery Theatre
- Le Petit Trianon
- Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum
- San Jose Center for the Performing Arts
- San Jose Civic Auditorium
- San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art
- San José Museum of Art
- San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles
- San José Repertory Theatre
- San José Stage Company
- Tech Museum of Innovation
- Theater on San Pedro Square
- WORKS/San Jose

Parks & Recreation

- Almaden Joint Library and Community Center
- Almaden Lake Park
- Alum Rock Park
- Camden Community Center
- Guadalupe River Park & Gardens
- Happy Hollow Park & Zoo/Kelly Park
- HP Pavilion at San José (Home of the Sharks)
- Japanese Friendship Garden
- Municipal Golf Course
- Municipal Rose Garden
- Monopoly in the Park
- Peralta Adobe Historical Landmark
- Raging Waters Theme Park/Lake Cunningham
- Roosevelt Roller Hockey Center
- San Jose Heritage Rose Garden

Traditions, Old and New

- Chinese Summer Festival
- Christmas in the Park
- Cinco de Mayo Festival
- Filipino Heritage Festival
- Gay Pride Parade
- Italian Family Festival
- Juneteenth Festival
- Obon Festival
- Portuguese Heritage Fall Festival
- San José Children's Faire
- San José Grand Prix
- San José International Mariachi Festival
- Tapestry Arts Festival
- Veteran's Day Parade
- Vietnamese Tet Festival

Transportation

- Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport
Passenger totals exceeded 10.7 million in 2005
Average of 358 commercial departures and arrivals daily/173 general aviation
Non-stop service to 29 U.S. cities
Non-stop service to Tokyo, Guadalajara (MX), Mexico City (MX) and Morelia (MX)
International Customs Port of Entry
- Light Rail System, Caltrain, ACE, and Capitol Corridor
Connecting San José to the greater Bay Area

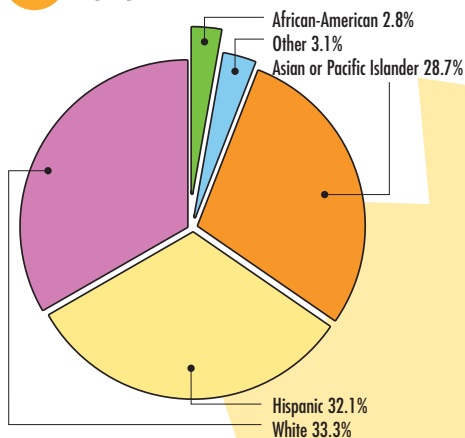


diverse

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

San José is a city proud of the cultural and ethnic diversity of its population and workforce and the rich cultural identity of its many neighborhoods. Our residents speak more than 56 different languages (San José Unified School District 2005).

Demographics



US Census Bureau, American Community Survey; 2003



sustainable

A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

At the heart of this dynamic region is a thriving economy sustained in part by many high-tech and manufacturing companies. San José has strong economic ties with countries throughout the world.

Financial Information

San José has long been recognized as one of the best-managed cities in America. It has the highest credit rating of any large city in California (Standard & Poors AA+, Fitch AA+, and Moody's Aa1). San José is committed to its mission of delivering the highest quality services in the most cost-effective manner. A budget of \$2.66 billion allows the City to offer a full range of services to its residents and businesses.

Doing Business in San José

San José Businesses by Type*

Services.....	21,165
Branch Locations.....	9,082
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate.....	7,874
Retail.....	7,821
Construction.....	3,904
Wholesale.....	2,321
Manufacturing.....	1,709
Transportation/Utilities.....	1,323
Attorneys.....	778
Exempt (non-taxable).....	553
Agriculture.....	3
Total.....	56,533

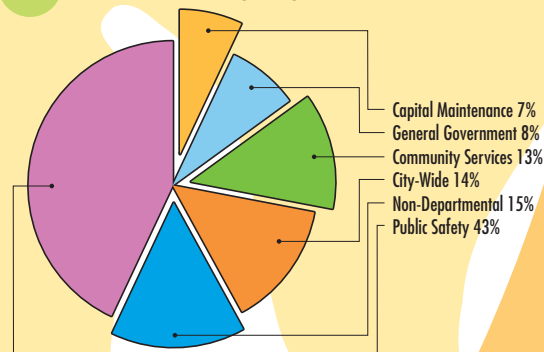
* City of San José Business Tax (2005)

Largest Private Employers*

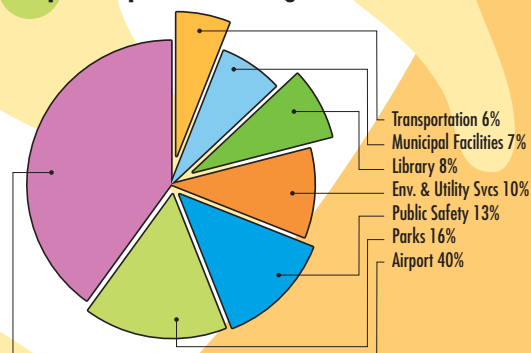
1. Cisco Systems	16,060
2. IBM	8,430
3. Hitachi.....	2,880
4. Agilent Technologies	2,880
5. Novellus Systems	2,700
6. Xilinx.....	2,260
7. eBay.....	2,000
8. Adobe Systems.....	2,000

*Office of Economic Development, City of San José (2005)

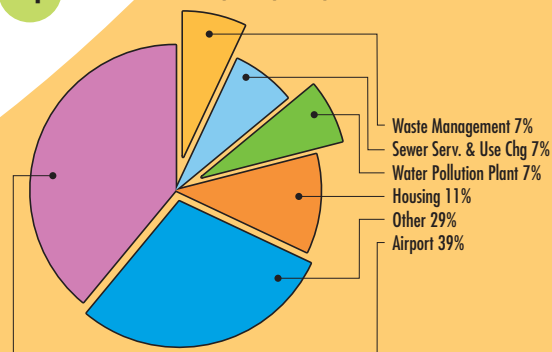
General Fund • \$841,688,233*



Capital Improvement Program • \$1,168,675,771*



Special Funds • \$1,228,838,694*



*2005-2006 Adopted Budget figures

government

CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of San José operates under a council-manager form of government. The City Council consists of 10 council members elected by district and a mayor elected at large. Council meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. In addition, on the first and third Tuesdays, there are evening meetings, which begin at 7 p.m.

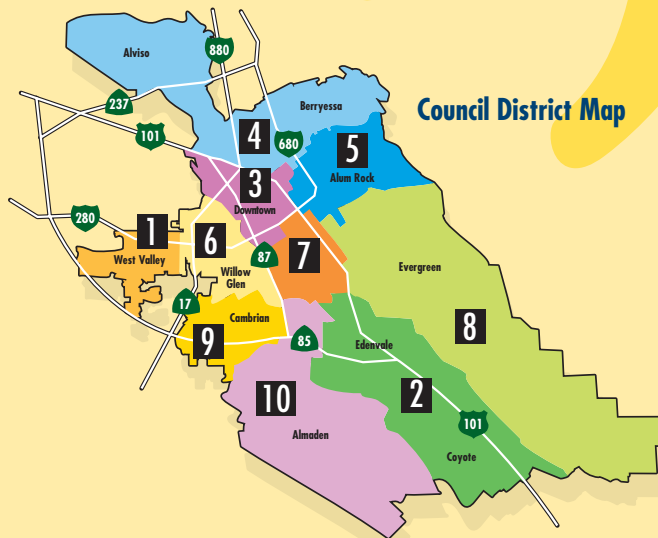
Council meetings can be seen on **Cable Channel 26**, or viewed via the City's website: **www.sanjoseca.gov**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor	Term Expires
Ron Gonzales	12/31/06 (408) 535-4800

District/Council Members

1. Linda J. LeZotte	12/31/06 (408) 535-4901
2. Forrest Williams.....	12/31/08 (408) 535-4902
3. Cindy Chavez	12/31/06 (408) 535-4903
4. Chuck Reed	12/31/08 (408) 535-4904
5. Nora Campos	12/31/06 (408) 535-4905
6. Ken Yeager	12/31/08 (408) 535-4906
7. Madison Nguyen	12/31/06 (408) 535-4907
8. David D. Cortese.....	12/31/08 (408) 535-4908
9. Judy Chirco	12/31/06 (408) 535-4909
10. Nancy Pyle.....	12/31/08 (408) 535-4910



CITY STAFF

City Council Appointees

City Attorney	Richard Doyle	(408) 535-1950
City Auditor	Gerald Silva	(408) 535-1238
City Clerk	Lee Price	(408) 535-1260
City Manager	Les White	(408) 535-8100
Independent Police Auditor	Barbara Attard	(408) 794-6226
Redevelopment Agency Director	Harry Mavrogenes	(408) 795-1888

City Departments & Offices

Airport	William Sherry, Director	(408) 501-7600
Economic Development	Paul Krutko, Director	(408) 535-8181
Employee Services	Mark Danaj, Director	(408) 975-1475
Environmental Services	John Stufflebean, Director	(408) 535-8555
Finance	Scott Johnson, Director	(408) 535-7000
Fire.....	Jeff Clet, Chief	(408) 277-4444
General Services	Peter Jensen, Director	(408) 938-2000
Housing	Leslye Krutko, Director	(408) 535-3860
Information Technology	Randy Murphy, Acting CIO	(408) 535-3565
Intergovernmental Relations	Betsy Shotwell, Director	(408) 535-8270
Library	Jane Light, Director	(408) 277-4826
Parks, Rec. & Neighborhood Services	Sara Hensley, Director	(408) 793-5553
Planning, Building & Code Enforcement	Joe Horwedel, Acting Director	(408) 535-3555
Police	Rob Davis, Chief	(408) 277-8900
Public Outreach	Tom Manheim, Manager	(408) 535-8170
Public Works	Katy Allen, Director	(408) 535-8300
Retirement	Ed Overton, Director	(408) 392-6700
Transportation	Jim Helmer, Director	(408) 535-3830

Get in touch with your City

ACCESS SAN JOSE

Customer Service Call Center

Someone is available 24/7 to answer questions, provide information, and help resolve concerns. **(408) 535-3500**

City Website

Learn about City services, browse the library catalogue, or do business online. **www.sanjoseca.gov**

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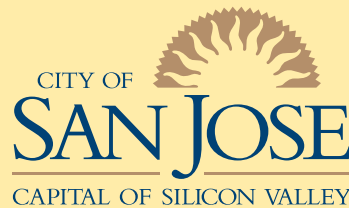
Report situations such as noise disturbances, parking complaints, and crimes NOT in progress.

CivicCenter Television

Your source for broadcasts from the San José City Council and San José Redevelopment Agency. **Cable Channel 26**

911

Call 9-1-1 in the event of a police, fire, or medical emergency.



10th Largest U.S. City

Office of the City Manager
200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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(408) 535-3500
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